

Good afternoon Board members,

My name is Josie Rodriguez Ocasio, I am A Parent Advocate Leader at Parents for Great Camden schools. I want to address to the Board my out look with Camden Enrollment. I moved from Gloucester County to Camden City this past year and finding a good school was needed for my child. I used the opportunity that was offered to me with Camden Enrollment and everything went well with the process. It was easy, fast, and we had many choices to choose from when picking a school that accommodated my child's needs. However, I needed a school that offered the same opportunities and programs that he had already, which we came to a dead end because some schools didn't offer what we needed or the schools that did have some of the programs wasn't a choice school he wanted due to safety reasons and transportation.

Camden Enrollment helped us pick the best choices close enough to our needs, but my son needed more. I had to make a tough decision and the best conclusion for my son's education was giving my parental rights to a friend so he can have residential rights to attend his original school, being as though I live out of the school district. I need to say this we need more options in Camden high schools so that we as parents and students can choose from to best support our children's success. Thank you